

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI

In the Matter of the Application of Comtel Telecom)
Assets LP for a Certificate of Service Authority to)
Provide Basic Local and Interexchange Telecom-) **Case No. TA-2006-0214**
munications Services in the State of Missouri and)
to Classify Said Services and the Company as)
Competitive.)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Issue Date: November 23, 2005

Effective Date: November 23, 2005

On November 22, 2005, Comtel Telecom Assets LP filed its application for certificate of service authority to provide basic local and switched and nonswitched interexchange telecommunications services in portions of the state of Missouri. On the same date, Comtel filed a Motion for Protective Order, seeking confidential treatment of the financial documentation contained in Exhibit D. Specifically, Comtel requests that the Commission protect Exhibit D from public inspection because public disclosure of its contents would place Comtel at an unfair business disadvantage. Comtel states that the information contained in the financial statements is only disclosed to banks, financial institutions and others on a need-to-know basis, and when disclosed to them, it is on a confidential basis. Comtel further states that making this information available to the public and Comtel's competitors would allow them to know Comtel's cash position, liabilities, and other data which Comtel does not wish to disclose without a protective order. Comtel

therefore requests that the Commission issue a protective order pursuant to 4 CSR 240-2.085 and treat Exhibit D as highly confidential and proprietary information.

The Commission finds that the motion substantially complies with the requirements of 4 CSR 240-2.085 and shall be granted. The Commission has previously recognized the need to protect confidential and proprietary information, and the issuance of protective orders has helped to minimize disputes in past cases. The Commission will adopt its standard protective order for this case.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. That the Motion for Protective Order filed by Comtel Telecom Assets LP on November 22, 2005, is granted and the protective order attached to this order (Attachment (A)) is adopted.
2. That Exhibit D to the application is deemed Highly Confidential in its entirety.
3. That this order shall become effective on November 23, 2005.

BY THE COMMISSION



Colleen M. Dale
Secretary

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Vicky Ruth, Senior Regulatory Law
Judge, by delegation of authority pursuant
to Section 386.240, RSMo 2000.

Dated at Jefferson City, Missouri,
on this 23rd day of November, 2005.